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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WEST GERMAN FONMIN GENSCHER

TO FINLAND (II)

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1. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT DESPITE CERTAIN STIFFNESS DURING FIRST DAY OF FRG FONMIN GENSCHER'S VISIT TO FINLAND JANUARY 23-24, VISIT ON THE WHOLE WENT WELL. FONMIN KARJALAINEN TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 30 THAT IT HAD GONE BETTER THAN EXPECTED, PERHAPS A REFERENCE TO KARJALAINEN'S OWN LESS THAN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BONN IN SEPT 1974.

2. GENSCHER CARRIED OUT PROGRAM OUTLINED IN
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REFTEL. PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT

IS UNUSUALLY SHORT, AND HALF OF IT IS MADE UP OF NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS. THERE ARE NO NEW FORMULATIONS IN IT. NITPICKERS DID FOCUS ON SLIGHT VARIATION IN THE GERMAN AND FINNISH VERSIONS, THE FORMER SAYING THAT FRG RESPECTS FINLAND'S "INTENTION" TO CARRY OUT A NEUTRAL POLICY, WHEREAS LATTER USES WORD TRANSLATABLE AS "STRIVING".

3. WE HAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS ON WHETHER OR NOT THE ONLY "CONTROVERSIAL" ISSUE, THAT OF FINNISH-EAST GERMAN CONSULAR AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED, CAME UP. MFA SOURCES, INCLUDING KARJALAINEN, SAY IT DID NOT; GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES SAY THAT IT DID NOT COME UP DURING THE OFFICIAL SESSIONS, BUT "MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP INFORMALLY DURING CAR RIDES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER". WE ARE TOLD THAT EAST GERMANS TRIED TO USE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH AND AUSTRIANS ON THIS SUBJECT TO PERSUADE FINNS TO MOVE FASTER--WITH APPARENTLY OPPOSITE RESULT; I.E., FINNS ARE NOW WAITING TO SEE WHAT COMES OUT OF UK-GDR TALKS.

4. BOTH PARTIES AGREED THAT BOTH SHOULD WORK ON REDRESSING IMBALANCE IN FINNISH-FRG TRADE, BUT NEITHER HAD ANYTHING CONCRETE TO SUGGEST. BOTH EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF UN.

5. BOTH PARTIES CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF DETENTE AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CSCE. KARJALAINEN TOLD AMB THAT GENSCHER SAID FRG FELT FINAL CSCE PHASE III COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS MAY.

6. ON BALANCE, VISIT PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED IN SOME SMALL WAY TO IMPROVING FINNISH-FRG RELATIONS. AS FAR AS FINNS ARE CONCERNED, ONE POSITIVE ASPECT WAS ABSENCE IN FRG PRESS OF DEPRECATING "FINLANDIZATION" ARTICLES IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT. KREHBIEL

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